

REMARKS

Introductory Comments

Claims 22-32 and 43-51 are pending in the above-referenced application. On page 2 of the May 2, 2003 Office Action, Examiner Ngo identified two patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. In accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 1.21, Applicants elect species I (Figs. 1-5). The claims readable on species I are claims 22-27, 29-32, and 43-51. Applicants agree to withdraw dependent claim 28 pending the allowance of a generic claim. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that at least claim 22 is generic.

By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 27 solely to comply with the restriction requirement and amended claim 44 solely to correct a typographical error. Applicants respectfully request that such amendments be entered.

Final Remarks

The Examiner is asked to call Applicants' attorney, Christine E. M. Orich at 317-684-5414, or James A. Coles at 317-684-5251, to address any outstanding issues in order to expedite the prosecution of this application for all parties.

If necessary, Applicants request that this Amendment be considered a request for an extension of time for a time appropriate for the response to be timely filed. Applicants request that any required fees needed beyond those submitted with this Response be charged to the account of Bose McKinney & Evans, Deposit Account No. 02-3223.

Respectfully submitted,

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